so doing the chances of ultimate recovery would have been much heightened, and there would have been a cleaner operative field, permitting a complete closure of the wound. Keen obtained primary healing throughout in his case. Second, the suggestion of Crile, of which mention has already been made.

The latest statistics which I have been able to see in regard to total laryngectomy are those of Delavan of New York, as given in the *New York Medical Journal*, September 15, 1900, p. 449. He tabulates thirty-four cases operated upon by six surgeons: Recurrence, 35 per cent.; relative cure (less than three years), 32 per cent.; definitive cure (three years or more), 6 per cent.; operative deaths, 26 per cent.

DR. MURPHY'S SUGGESTION.

In the discussion of Dr. Claire W. Murphy's paper on "Surgical Anatomy of the Inguinal Canal," page 162 of the May Journal, occurs the following sentence: "It is well to enter the inguinal space from above, as suggested by Dr. Wills." This is an error, for the suggestion was presented by Dr. Murphy, and Dr. Wills referred to it in his discussion.

THE PRESIDIO GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Colonel Girard, in the Journal of the Association of Military Surgeons, has an excellent and exhaustive report of the Army General Hospital at the Presidio. The Nosological Index of Diseases treated at the hospital from July, 1899, to July, 1902, should be of much interest to one gathering statistics.

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